

*Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*  
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. . . *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* is a book to be settled into fully . . . Funny, heart-hammering, wise, it edges deep into truth that's simultaneously (and interdependently) psychological, moral and formal - deeper than many living novelists of serious reputation have penetrated, deeper than Miss Tyler herself has gone before. It is a border crossing . . . Will so much talk of wisdom hide the truth that '*Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*' is, from start to finish, superb entertainment? I hope not . . . What one wants to do on finishing such a work as "*Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*" is maintain balance, keep things intact for a stretch, stay under the spell as long as feasible. The before and after are immaterial; nothing counts except the knowledge, solid and serene, that's all at once breathing in the room. We're speaking, obviously, about an extremely beautiful book.



While you read chapters 1-4, look for a short passage that exemplifies five of the words/phrases from this book review to document your reading.

WRITE DOWN SOMETHING . . .	. . . from chapter 1: "Something You Should Know"	. . . from chapter 2: "Teaching the Cat to Yawn"
<i>Beautiful</i>		
<b>Funny</b>		
<b>HEART- HAMMERING</b>		
<i>Wise</i>		
<b>SUPERBLY ENTERTAINING</b>		

WRITE DOWN SOMETHING . . .	. . . from chapter 3 : “Destroyed by Love”	. . . from chapter 4: “Heart Rumors”
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